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SUBJ: CEMA REQUEST FOR OBSERVER STATUS IN UNGA

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REF:A. USUN 3837(NOTAL, B. USUN 2693(NOTAL)

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED

1. SOVIET PRESS HAS BEEN GIVING FULL COVERAGE TO REQUEST BY CEMA MEMBERS OF UNITED NATIONS FOR INSCRIPTION ON UNGA AGENDA OF THEIR PROPOSAL THAT CEMA BE GRANTED OBSERVER STATUS IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. EMBASSY HAS NOTED NO MENTION IN SOVIET MEDIA OF SIMILAR REQUEST BY EEC COUNTRIES.

2. SPECIAL COMMENTARY ARTICLE IN IZVESTIYA OCTOBER 7 HEADLINED "A TIMELY STEP" FOLLOWS GENERAL LINE OF "EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUMZZ SUBMITTED BY NINE CEMA MEMBERS PLUS UKRAINE AND BYELORUSSIA AS REPORTED REFTELA. IN ADDITION TO PLACING HEAVY STRESS ON ROLE OF CEMA IN CONTRIBUTING TO REDUCTION OF INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS, ARTICLE CITES PROGRESS IN CEMA SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH FINLAND. MENTION ALSO MADE OF CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE WITH CEMA "ALREADY" HAS IN CONTACTS WITH UN ORGANIZATIONS - FAO, IAEA, ECE - AND HIGH ESTEEM HELD BY FOR CEMA BY OFFICIALS OF UN ORGANIZATIONS FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES - ECAFE, ECLA, ECA. COMMENTARY CONCLUDES THAT GROWING IMPORTANCE OF CEMA IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS UNDERLINES URGENCY THAT ORGANIZATION BE GRANTED OBSERVER STATUS IN UN.

3. BRIEF TASS DESPATCH PUBLISHED IN SOVIET PRESS EVENING OCTOBER 9 NOTED THAT UNGA HAS PLACED CEMA REQUEST ON AGENDA FOR 29 TH SESSION. END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT. RUSSIAN WORDS FOR HEADLINE OF IZVESTIA COMMENTARY CAN ALSO BE TRANSLATED AS "OPPORTUNE STEP" (AS OPPOSED TO TIMELY STEP) AND AS FAR AS SOVIET POLICY, HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS FOR CEMA ARE CONCERNED, LATTER IS MUCH MORE ACCURATE TRANSLATION. FOR PAST SEVERAL YEARS, AND ESPECIALLY SINCE 1973, SOVIETS HAVE BEEN MAKING ALL-OUT EFFORT TO BOOST CEMA PRESTIGE AND POSITION AS IMPORTANT REGIONAL ECONOMIC BLOC ON COMPLETE PAR WITH OTHER REGIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, SPECIAL EMPHASIS HAS BEEN PLACED ON ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH LDC'S -ALTHOUGH SUCCESS OF THIS GAMBIT HAS BEEN RATHER LIMITED SO FAR-AND YEAR-OLD SPECIAL AGREEMENT WITH FINLAND HAS BEEN PUBLICIZED AS PROOF OF FEASIBILITY OF COOPERATION WITH DEVELOPED CAPITALIST COUNTRY. MOST RECENT, AND-FOR SOVIETS-MOST IMPORTANT OBJECTIVE IS ESTABLISHMENT OF CEMA "COOPERATION" LINKS WITH EEC.

5. OVERALL SOVIET IMAGE BUILDING CAMPAIGN FOR CEMA

HAS BEEN MOVING FORWARD SLOWLY BUT STEADILY. ATTAINMENT OF UN
OBSERVER STATUS WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT FORWARD STEP IN LTHIS
EFFORT, ESPECIALLY SINCE IT WILL GIVE CEMA RE-
PRESENTATIVES A CONSPICUOUSLY COMPARABLE RELATIONSHIP
WITH THEIR OPPOSITE NUMBERS FROM BRUSSELS. END
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